Approval of Physiotherapy Institutions in the Country

2934. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Physiotherapy Institutions presently functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the basic requirements for clearance of such Institutions;

(c) whether they are approved by Government or through autonomous bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In the absence of a Central Council like Medical Council of India for regulating the profession of Physiotherapy, the Central Government does not maintain any data about institutions located in various States/Union Territories imparting training in Physiotherapy;

(b) to (d) Since, no Central Council is there, no guidelines indicating the basic requirements for clearance/approval of Physiotherapy Institutions have been laid down by the Central Government.

Use of allethrin in various mosquito repellents

2935. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMARAGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the opinion of top malaiologist with the Indian Council of Medical Research prolonged exposure to the chemical "Allethrin" used in various mosquito repellents in the form of mat coils and vapourizers is hazardous to health;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to ensure safe alternative non-hazardous mosquito repellents for the production and sale in the Indian markets?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. CP. THAKUR): (a) and (b) A multicentric questionnaire based study carried out by ICMR's Malaria Research Centre, Delhi, stated to have revealed that use of mosquito repellents manifest allergic reactions like breathing problems,